

# MID HUDSON BRIDGES

Representing ..... **Columbia Dutchess Greene Sullivan Ulster Counties**



NYSUT RC 13 Volume XXXII Special Issue

Spring Luncheon 2024

## NYSUT RETIREE COUNCIL # 13 SPRING LUNCHEON

**\*\*Beekman Arms - 888-627-5794**

6387 Mill St. (off Rt. 9) Rhinebeck, NY 12572

Thursday, May 30, 2024

Registration: 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

**COST: \$ 45.00 NYSUT Retirees**

**\$55 Guests**

→ **Checks** Payable to: NYSUT RC # 13

Please send **form** & **check** (indicate **Meal choice** on **memo line**) by **Wednesday, May 15** to:

**TREASURER Retiree Council #13**

**201 Stockade Drive, Kingston, NY 12401**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Local: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check Menu Option: Retiree

Guest

\_\_\_ Sautéed Chicken Breast, Madeira Wine Sauce

\_\_\_ Chicken

\_\_\_ Roasted Salmon, Beurre Blanc

\_\_\_ Salmon

\_\_\_ Vegetarian Pasta

\_\_\_ Pasta

Accompanied by salad & NY Style Cheesecake

Dietary Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

### Enjoy Bluegrass Music performed by: **Bearsville Flatts**



Five veterans of the Hudson Valley bluegrass music scene have joined together to form **Bearsville Flatts**.

Joan Harrison is the lead vocalist and banjo player for the bluegrass/swing band *Too Blue*.

Jon Ahmadjian picked up the guitar at age 14. He has been living and playing music in the Hudson Valley since 1993.

Bruno Bruzzese plays fiddle & banjo with a love for the early sounds of Bluegrass music. His musical journey has taken him through many styles of music & travels around the USA, Europe, Canada, & Mexico.

Geoffrey Harden plays bass, fiddle, & guitar and has performed and recorded with many acclaimed bluegrass & old time bands who play fast and sing high. He & Sarah Harden host a popular old time music festival & a long running series of string band sessions in Woodstock, NY.

Andy Bing has played resonator guitar & mandolin in many bands up & down the Hudson Valley for nearly 40 years.

**Cancellations MUST be received before the final number is submitted. To be eligible for a refund, the treasurer should receive either a call or email indicating the change no later than Wednesday, May 15. Email: maryloudavis125@gmail.com Phone: 845-223-5544**

This year Melinda Person, NYSUT President; Florence McCue, At Large Retiree NYSUT Board of Directors; Emiljana Ulaj, NYSUT Regional Political Organizer; & Sheryl Baker-Delano, Retiree Consultant RC12 & 13 will be coming to our Spring Luncheon. They are on the agenda & will give some brief remarks. Members will have the opportunity to meet & ask questions. Also, NYSUT Member Benefits, Laura Grimm, will set up a table with their literature and be on hand to answer questions. We will also have a 50/50 drawing.



## CHAPTER CHATS

### Red Hook Retiree Association (RHRA)

RHRA individual members donated \$595 and 46 food items to Red Hook Responds for the local food pantries prior to the Holiday Season. As a result of the food items donated, the Ascienzo Family Foundation donated \$92 (46 x 2) to the Red Hook Holiday Gift Card program, the Red Hook FA scholarship fund, & the Red Hook FA food basket program. The foundation ran this food drive benefit the entire month of December, donating a considerable amount of money to these valuable programs.

This charitable foundation was founded by RHRA member Nick Ascienzo upon his retirement from teaching. He is an amazing benefactor as he was a teacher!

**Submitted: Sally Sober, (RHRA)**

### Spackenkill Retirees

The Spackenkill Retirees met at Coppola's restaurant on October 5. Cathy Robinson, President of Spackenkill Teachers' Association, gave an update on topics which affect retirees.

After several years of inactivity, the retiree group is reorganizing. The following officers were elected: Mary Lou Davis – President, Amy Matts- Vice President, Maureen Tremblay- Secretary, and Sue Osterhoudt – Treasurer.

A scholarship was presented last June to a future teacher Adam Macklin.

**Submitted: Spackenkill Secretary**

### Have You Moved?

Make sure you continue to receive the *Mid-Hudson Bridges*, the newsletter of RC #13. You can update your address by **1.** Contact NYSUT Member Records at 1-800-342-9810 **2.** Email changes to: [memberec@nysut.org](mailto:memberec@nysut.org) **3.** Send written changes to: NYSUT Member Records, 800 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, New York 12110.

If you are a "snowbird", please allow Member Records a few weeks to change your address each way.

**VOTE-COPE**, our voluntary political action fund, calculates total contributions based on the calendar year. To get more information, or to contribute, you can go to [www.nysut.org](http://www.nysut.org), click on the TAKE ACTION Tab, & select VOTE-COPE. It can also be accessed directly from the RC#13's website ([www.retireecouncil13.com](http://www.retireecouncil13.com)) under the VOTE-COPE TAB.



**FIX TIER VI - YOU can help:** Contribute to VOTE-COPE - Join the Tier VI Team! [Fix Tier6.org](http://FixTier6.org)

### 2024 Calendar *IN PERSON* April - June

The RC#13 Board of Directors meet monthly, the 2nd Wednesday of each month, **(10:15 am-12:15pm)** (except July & August). If you would like to be a **GUEST** contact Patrick McCarthy ([rc13president@retireecouncil13.com](mailto:rc13president@retireecouncil13.com)).



#### PLEASE CHECK CORRECTED DATES

#### April

**10 Wed** -Director's Meeting, Kingston RO  
**18** - AT Large ED 13/14 Meeting, Newburgh

#### MAY

**2-4**- NYSUT Local President's

Conference & NYSUT Representative Assembly, NYC

**8 Wed** - Director's Meeting, Kingston RO

**30 Thurs** - RC #13 Spring Luncheon, Beekman Arms, Rhinebeck, NY @ 11:00

#### JUNE

**12 Wed** - Director's Meeting, Kingston RO



From The President's Desk  
Patrick McCarthy

# APRIL Jazz Appreciation Day



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to Retiree Council #13 Bridges, 2024! I hope you all enjoyed the Holiday season & the joy stays with us throughout the year. We deserve it!

NYSUT is considering a new plan for retiree newsletters. The plan, if implemented, would be to receive 1 newsletter via "snail mail." The additional 4 newsletters would **only** be mailed if you **opt-in**. As more specifics are available, we will update you via the newsletter & our website

([www.retireecouncil13.com](http://www.retireecouncil13.com)). It is important that your personal information is current & accurate. Consider creating a NYSUT account by going to [NYSUT.org](http://NYSUT.org) & clicking the "login" icon on the top right & then click on "create an account". If you have an account, please check that your information is correct.

Your Board of Directors continues to offer support for your needs/wants as well as our in-service brothers & sisters. We are planning to expand social outings for retirees such as: garden walks, river boat trips, art venues & **MEET & EAT Luncheons** in each of our 5 counties, to give opportunities to get together on a more "local" level with fellow retirees. Many of these activities are planned for seasonal venues so final plans are not yet in place. **Please continue to check our website for updated information on these events, webinars & other offerings.**

I am sure you will find something to your liking.

I hope you noticed the information, in this issue, for the Spring Luncheon to be held at the Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck. Last year the luncheon reached capacity quickly so sign up now!

The Board also participates in

Committee of 100 lobbying activities, Election District meetings (Retiree and In-Service), and will attend the NYSUT Representative Assembly in May to help us stay informed because we are **"Union for Life"**. The Board approved 5 Resolutions for the Rep Assembly this year which you can read about in a future issue of NYSUT United.

You are invited to attend Board meetings the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Meeting times are on the website & in this newsletter.

In Solidarity,  
Patrick McCarthy  
Retiree Council #13 President



[retireecouncil13.com](http://retireecouncil13.com)

**MEET, GREET, & EAT Luncheons**

**Columbia County**  
Wed., April 17th @ 12:00  
Four Brothers Pizza Inn  
Hillsdale, NY  
RSVP Susan Grybas 518-755-9431

**Greene County**  
Fri., April 19th @ 12:00  
Red's Cocksackie, NY  
RSVP 4/15 Sharon Carloni  
518-339-6619

**Sullivan County**  
Thurs., April 25th @ 12:00  
Yiasou's Café Liberty, NY  
RSVP Patrick McCarthy  
845-701-1825

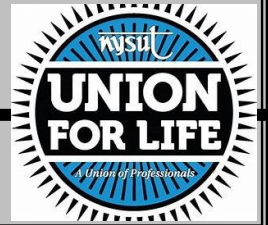


**SAVE THE DATES - MahJongg @ Kingston Regional Office, 1-3 pm**  
4/19 & 25; 5/3, 8, 16, & 22; 6/5, 12

Please order your new MJ card on the National MahJongg League website. If you have a current card for 2023, please bring it.



<b>Retiree Council #13 - <a href="http://www.retireecouncil13.com">www.retireecouncil13.com</a></b>		<b>DIRECTORS:</b>	
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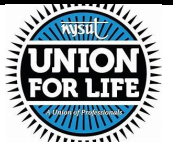




**MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION FORM NYSUT RETIREE COUNCIL #13**

Representing: Columbia, Greene, Dutchess, Sullivan, and Ulster Counties

**January 1 – December 31, 2024**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (Street, City, Zip Code) **PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY**

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ (For RC13/NYSUT Use Only)

School District Retired From: \_\_\_\_\_

*\$10.00 yearly recommended contribution*

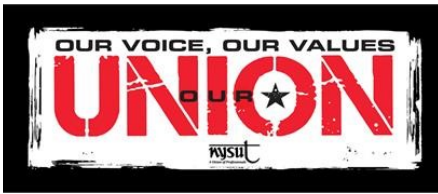
Made out to: **NYSUT RC # 13**

Mail form to: **NYSUT RC #13 TREASURER**

**201 Stockade Drive, Kingston, NY 12401**

I would be willing to work in the areas of: Newsletter  Social Events  Political Action

RC# 13 meetings are open to all NYSUT retirees & are held at the above address.

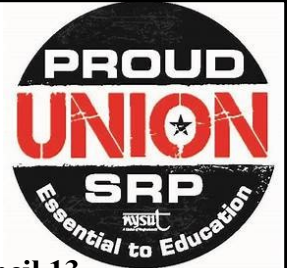


**SAVE THE DATE: May 30th**  
**SPRING LUNCHEON**  
**11:00AM**  
**Beekman Arms-Rhinebeck, NY**



***Strong Union***  
***Active Retirees!***

**About Retiree Council #13**



*Mid-Hudson Bridges*, is a quarterly publication of the Mid-Hudson Retiree Council 13, serving: Columbia, Greene, Dutchess, Ulster, & Sullivan Counties.

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Electronic files are appreciated attached as a Word document or embedded as text of an email.

**Next issue deadline: May 1st**

Visit the *NEW* RC#13 website for other useful information:  
[www.retireecouncil13.com](http://www.retireecouncil13.com)

